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REMARKS

Claims 4, 7, 13, 20, 22, 26, 36-49, 51, 52, 54-58, 61 and 64-66 are indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have rewritten allowable claims 4, 7, 26, 36, 38, and 42 as independent claims 1, 5, 23, 28, 38, and 42, respectively, with all limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. All remaining claims depend from or have been amended to depend from the rewritten allowable claims. Allowable claim 13 remains in dependent form (now depending from allowable claim 5) and also has been rewritten as new independent claim 67 with all limitations of original claim 13, the base claim, and any intervening claims. Claims 2-4, 7, 20, 25-26, 30, 34, and 36 have been canceled as duplicative as a result of the rewriting process. Claim 32 has been canceled in response to the 112, second paragraph rejection as a duplicate claim.

FEES

After the cancellation of eleven claims, there remain a total of 55 claims in the case, all of which have been previously paid for. There are now eight independent claims in the case, of which three have been previously paid for. A check in the amount of \$215 is enclosed for the five new independent claims. Any additional fees that may be necessary may be deducted from deposit account 13-3393 and any overpayments credited to this account.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections is requested. Claims 1, 5, 6, 8-19, 21-24, 27-29, 31, 33, 35, 37-67 remain in the case and allowance at an early date is solicited.

If any questions should arise with respect to the above remarks, or if it would in any way expedite the prosecution of this case, applicants' attorney would appreciate a phone call at (614) 263-8990.

Respectfully submitted,

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